IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (L) NO. 49 OF 2005

Rinoo Banwarilal Meena .. Petitioner

V/s

State of Maharashtra & Ors. .. Respondents

Mr.R.K. Mendadkar with Ms. Helen Koli for the Petitioner.

Mr.A. Sayed, A.G.P. for Respondents Nos.1 to 3.

Ms. A.K. Savla for Respondent No.4

CORAM : H.L. GOKHALE &
S.C. DHARMADHIKARI, JJ.

DATE : 17TH JANUARY 2005

P.C. :

1. Heard Mr.Mendadkar for the Petitioner. Mr.Sayed, A.G.P. appears for Respondents Nos.1 to 3. Ms.Savla appears for Respondent No.4.

2. The Petitioner is admitted to a medical course on a provisional basis in Respondent No.4 Medical College. She claims to belong to the Meena Scheduled Tribe. In the facts of the present case, she appears to have applied for scrutiny of her caste claim rather belatedly. However, now that she is admitted to the medical course, we are of the opinion that her caste claim should be examined. On a query to Mr.Sayed, he

states that a period of 3 months would normally be sufficient for the Committee to arrive at its decision.

3. In the circumstances, we direct the Respondent No.2 Committee to scrutinise the caste claim of the Petitioner at the earliest and, in any case, by end of April 2005. The Petitioner's admission in the Respondent No.4 College will not be cancelled in the meanwhile and for a period of 2 weeks after the decision is communicated to the Petitioner in the event the same is adverse to the Petitioner.

4. Petition stands disposed of.

(H.L. GOKHALE, J.)

(S.C. DHARMADHIKARI, J.)